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Applicant: Fernando C. Frimm *et al.*
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Art Unit : 3672
Examiner : T. Mayo

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Examiner's Action dated May 19, 1999. The Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to their application which they believe will put this application in condition for allowance.

In the Drawings:

A copy of Figures 1-3 and 5-10, with the changes marked in red, is submitted with this paper for the Examiner's approval. A separate letter to the draftsperson is attached.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2 and 14.

In claim 16, line 3, between "said" and "four", please insert --at least--.

Please add new claims 20-33 as follows:

20. The semisubmersible vessel according to claim 7 wherein each of the at least four columns includes a first vertical centerline partition lying in the same plane as a side of either the forward or aft section of the ring pontoon.

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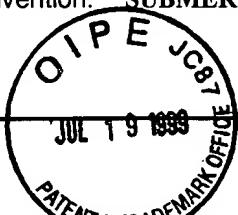
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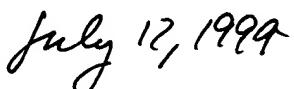
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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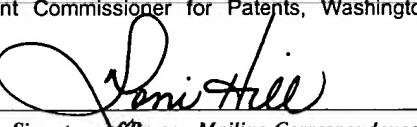
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